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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS 6 CRIMINAL ALIENS FROM ATLANTA**

ATLANTA—Six criminal aliens, including a fugitive wanted in Colombia, were deported Friday from the United States by officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Detention and Removal Office in Atlanta.

The five men and one woman removed were arrested by ICE deportation officers after serving sentences for crimes ranging from prostitution to the sexual molestation of a child.

They were all foreign citizens from either Jamaica, Chile, Germany, Dominican Republic, or Columbia who had committed crimes here, making them eligible for immediate removal from the United States as aggravated felons.

John Mata who heads the Atlanta Detention and Removal Office said, "The removal of criminals who endanger our communities, and especially our children, will always be one of our highest priorities as we restore integrity to the nation's immigration system."

Other crimes committed by those deported were possession of narcotics, burglary and embezzlement.

ICE's Detention and Removal efforts nationwide promote public safety and national security by ensuring all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed to their home countries as expeditiously as possible.

ICE's Atlanta office is also home to one of ICE's 18 fugitive absconder teams, which are tasked with locating and apprehending aliens who attempt to hide in the United States despite the lawful orders of immigration judges who have ordered the aliens to leave the country.

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